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FACT SHEET

The President today addressed a National Leadership Forum sponsored by the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. The subject of the Forum was "Forging a Bipartisan Foreign and Defense Policy." The President addressed this subject with a view toward America's foreign policy challenges for the 1980s. In doing so, the President emphasized two basic points:

- America's foreign policy goals can be achieved only if America's idealism is joined with American realism.
- American foreign policy can be effectively advanced and sustained only if we restore bipartisan consensus in support of it.

I. IDEALISM AND REALISM

(A) Two Great Goals

The President noted that "all Americans share two great goals for foreign policy:

- (1) "a safer world; and
- (2) "a world in which individual rights can be respected and precious values may flourish."

(B) Still, "a Troubled World"

He pointed out, however, that while these goals are "at the heart of America's traditional idealism," "the world in which these fundamental goals are so widely shared is a troubled world:"

- Many citizens of the developed world continue to live in fear of conflict and the threat of nuclear war.